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- 10:00 ~ 10:05 介紹貴賓
Introduction of Honorable
Guests
- 10:05 ~ 10:10 會長致詞
Words from the Presidents
- 10:10 ~ 10:15 貴賓致詞
Words from Our Guests
- 10:15 ~ 10:35 感謝及表揚
Appreciation & Recognition
- 10:35 ~ 10:45 頒發獎學金
Presentation of Scholarships
- 10:45 ~ 11:50 頒發證書及獎盃
Presentation of Certificates
and Trophies
- 11:50 ~ 12:00 抽獎
Prize Drawing

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There I was in my final round interview, being asked by a partner at one of the most prestigious management consulting firms (Bain & Co.) to calculate the revenue, costs, and profit of introducing a "children get in free" promotion at the Oakland Coliseum. Instead of panicking, I thought, "Whew! Thank goodness for mental math."

As a child, I had always wondered, "What was the use of being able to do abacus in my head?" Sure, it was helpful in school, especially on tests that did not allow calculators. It also trained me to concentrate for long periods of time, an invaluable skill. Moreover, when eating out with friends, I could calculate how to divide the cost and tip among us. But beyond that, I never thought I would use mental arithmetic anywhere else, especially in matters of direct importance. So I got through life, until my second to last semester of college, not knowing how crucial of a skill it was.

At my interviews for the highly sought after jobs in strategy management consulting, I discovered the decisive difference mental math made. It allowed me to focus on the business problems presented without being bogged down by the number crunching, which significantly improved my interview performance. Interviewers in the business world, not only in management consulting, but especially in investment banking and accounting as well, look very favorably upon job candidates with strong quantitative skills. There is no question about it; I would not have had success at interviews without the mental abacus in my head.



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